IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A network device comprising:

at least one processor;

a network interface configured to communicate with the at least one processor and a network; and

an XML document processing module, including a compression module configured to compress an XML ~~documents~~ document into a compressed binary stream and to convert the ~~compressed XML documents~~ binary stream into text and format the text so as to form a compressed valid XML ~~documents~~ document.

17. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the XML document processing module includes a deflate compression algorithm.

18. (Previously Presented) The network device of claim 17, wherein the compression module includes a binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm.

19. (Original) The network device of claim 18, wherein the binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm includes a base-64 encoding algorithm.

20. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the XML document processing module includes a decompression module to decompress compressed valid XML documents.

21. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the network device is an embedded device server operable to manage a remote device using XML documents.

22. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the network interface includes a serial port.

23. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the network interface includes a web interface.

24. (Original) The network device of claim 16, wherein the network is a wireless network.

25. (Original) The network device of claim 24 wherein the network device is included in a cell phone.

26. (Original) The network device of claim 24 wherein the network is a wireless local area network (WLAN) and the network device is included in a WLAN computer card.

27-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) A system for communicating XML documents, the system comprising:

a communication network; and

at least first and second network devices to communicate over the network, wherein each network device includes:

at least one processor;

a network interface to communicate with the at least one processor and the network; and

an XML document processing module, wherein the XML document processing module includes:

an XML document processing module, including a compression module configured to compress an XML ~~documents~~ document into a compressed binary stream and to convert the ~~compressed XML documents~~ binary stream into text

and format the text so as to form a compressed valid XML ~~documents~~ document; and

a decompression module configured to decompress the compressed valid XML ~~documents~~ document.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the first network device is an embedded device server, the first network device operable to receive a device configuration file as a compressed valid XML document and decompress the document.

33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the first network device is operable to transfer a status message as a compressed valid XML document to the second network device.

34. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the network is a serial communication network.

35. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the network is a wireless communication network.

36. (Previously Presented) The network device of claim 16, wherein the compression module is configured to:

compress a first XML document into a binary stream;

convert the binary stream into a compressed valid XML document; and

associate at least one XML tag with the compressed valid XML document, wherein the XML tag identifies the document as a compressed XML document.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the compression module is configured to:

compress a first XML document into a binary stream;

convert the binary stream into a compressed valid XML document; and

associate at least one XML tag with the compressed valid XML document, wherein the XML tag identifies the document as a compressed XML document.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the decompression module is configured to:

reconvert a received compressed valid XML document into a binary stream; and

decompress the binary stream to obtain the first XML document.